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JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY

According to the Virginia Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service sheep and lamb inventories decreased while goat inventories increased overall in Virginia from last year.

The total number of **sheep** in **Virginia** on January 1, 2020, was estimated at 73,000 head, down 6,000 from the previous year's estimate. All breeding sheep and lambs were estimated at 59,000 head and all market sheep and lambs were estimated at 14,000 head. Breeding ewes decreased to 47,000 head, and breeding rams remained at 3,000 head. Replacement lambs numbered 9,000, down 1,000 head from 2019. Lamb crop for 2019 totaled 58,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2018.

All **sheep** and lambs inventory in the **United States** on January 1, 2020 totaled 5.20 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020, decreased slightly from 3.82 million head on January 1, 2019. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.98 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2020 totaled 1.39 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2019. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2019 lamb crop of 3.23 million head was down slightly from 2018. The 2019 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2019, up 1 percent from 2018.

GOAT INVENTORY

All meat and other **goats** in **Virginia** were estimated at 43,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 2019. Milk goats at 5,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year's estimate.

All **goats** and kids inventory in the **United States** on January 1, 2020 totaled 2.66 million head, up 1 percent from 2019. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.18 million head, up 2 percent from 2019. Does one year old and older, at 1.62 million head, were up 2 percent from last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 478 thousand head, up 1 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2019 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up slightly from 2018. Meat and other goats totaled 2.09 million head on January 1, 2020, up 2 percent from 2019. Milk goat inventory was 440 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2019, while Angora goats were down 5 percent, totaling 130 thousand head.